



The REVELATION of JESUS CHRIST

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I, John, **your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus,**
was on the island called Patmos
on account of the word of God
and the testimony of Jesus.

[Revelation 1:9]

➤ **God's people must enter the kingdom of God through many tribulations with patient endurance to the end.**
[Revelation 1:9]

The call to follow Jesus Christ is ...

- **the call to come and die.**
- **the call to share in His sufferings.**
- **the call to be hated by the world.**
- **the call to be persecuted for Him.**
- **the call to enter tribulation.**
- **the call to remain faithful, overcome and endure to the end!**

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“When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.”

[Acts 14:21-22]

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And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

[Luke 9:23-24]

*“Beloved, **do not be surprised at the fiery trial** when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you **share Christ’s sufferings**, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.”*

[1 Peter 4:12-14]

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*"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but **I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.**"*

[John 15:18-19]

“Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. **8** You also, be patient. **Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. 9** Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.” **[James 5:7-9]**

**As an example of suffering and
patience, brothers, take the prophets
who spoke in the name of the**

Lord. 11Behold, we consider those
blessed who remained steadfast. You
have heard of the steadfastness of Job,
and you have seen the purpose of the
Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and
merciful.”

[James 5:10-11]

**“Blessed are those who are persecuted
for righteousness’ sake,** *for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you
when others revile you and persecute
you and utter all kinds of evil against you
falsely on my account. Rejoice and be
glad, for your reward is great in heaven,
for so they persecuted the prophets who
were before you.”*

[Matthew 5:11-12]

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*"Indeed, all who desire to live a
godly life in Christ Jesus will be
persecuted..."*

[2 Timothy 3:12]

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*"I have said these things to you,
that in me you may have peace. In
the world you will have
tribulation. But take heart; I have
overcome the world."*

[John 16:33]

➤ **Revelation was written for those who will endure tribulation in general, and specifically for those who must endure the great tribulation. [Revelation 1:9]**

*“Then they **will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death**, and you will be **hated by all nations for my name’s sake.** **10**And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. **11**And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. **12**And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. **13****But the one who endures to the end will be saved.** **14**And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” **[Matthew 24:9-14]***

*“For then **there will be great tribulation,**
such as has not been from the
beginning of the world until now, no,
and never will be. **22**And if those days
had not been cut short, no human being
would be saved. **But for the sake of the**
elect those days will be cut
short.” [Matthew 24:21-22]*

*“When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of **those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne.** **10** They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” **11** Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.”*

[Revelation 6:9-11]

*“Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them! [**Revelation 14:12-13**]*

*Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. **Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands.** They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. [Revelation 20:4]*

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6 Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. 7 **He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.**

[Revelation 21:6-7]



A Vision of the Son of Man



➤ **John's vision reveals Jesus in all His power and great glory, as the Son of Man who is coming on the clouds.
[Revelation 1:12-16]**

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*I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day,
and I heard behind me a loud voice
like a trumpet **11** saying, "**Write what
you see in a book** and send it to the
seven churches, to Ephesus and to
Smyrna and to Pergamum and to
Thyatira and to Sardis and to
Philadelphia and to Laodicea."*

[Revelation 1:10-11]

*“Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, 13and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of **man**, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.14The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire ...” **[Revelation 1:12-14]***

15his feet were like burnished bronze,
refined in a furnace, and his voice was
like the roar of many waters. **16**In his
right hand he held seven stars, from his
mouth came a sharp two-edged sword,
and his face was like the sun shining in
full strength.”

[Revelation 1:15-16]



One like unto the Son of Man

Revelation 1:13

Appearance of the Son of Man

- ❖ **Dressed in robe with a golden sash -- Purity**
- ❖ **Hair like white wool or snow -- Wisdom**
- ❖ **Eyes like flaming fire – Omniscience**
- ❖ **Feet like burnished bronze – Judgment**
- ❖ **Voice like many waters (trumpet) -- Power**
- ❖ **Holding 7 Stars in His hands -- Authority**
- ❖ **Two-Edged Sword out of His mouth -- Truth**
- ❖ **Face like the sun at full strength -- Glory**

The Son of Man & Moses



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*"Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, **10 and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone**, like the very heaven for clearness. **11** And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank."*

[Exodus 24:9-11]

Then Moses went up on the mountain,
and the cloud covered the
mountain. **16** The glory of the LORD dwelt
on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it
six days. And on the seventh day he
called to Moses out of the midst of the
cloud. **17** Now the appearance of the
glory of the LORD was like a devouring
fire on the top of the mountain in the
sight of the people of Israel. **18** Moses
entered the cloud and went up on the
mountain. And Moses was on the
mountain forty days and forty nights."

[Exodus 24:15-18]

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He said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." **21** And the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, **22** and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and **I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. 23** **Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.**"

[Exodus 33:20-23]

The Son of Man & Ezekiel



*“And above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; **and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance.** **27** And upward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were gleaming metal, like the appearance of fire enclosed all around. And downward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him.” [Ezekiel 1:26-27]*

28 Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around.

Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking.”

[Ezekiel 1:28]

The Son of Man & Daniel



*“As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; **his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire.** 10A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.” [Daniel 7:9-10]*

*"I saw in the night visions, and behold, **with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man**, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. **And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom**, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." **[Daniel 7:13-14]***

*I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, **a man** clothed in linen, **with a belt of fine gold from Uphaz around his waist.** **6**His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude.*

[Daniel 10:5-6]

7And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves. 8So I was left alone and saw this great vision, and no strength was left in me. My radiant appearance was fearfully changed, and I retained no strength. 9Then I heard the sound of his words, and as I heard the sound of his words, **I fell on my face in deep sleep with my face to the ground.**” [Daniel 10:7-9]

The Son of Man & John



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And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. 3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. **[Matthew 17:1-3]**

*Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud,
**and seated on the cloud one like a son of
man, with a golden crown on his head, and
a sharp sickle in his hand.****15**And another
angel came out of the temple, calling with a
loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, “Put
in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap
has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully
ripe.” **16**So he who sat on the cloud swung
his sickle across the earth, and the earth was
reaped. [**Revelation 14:14-16**]*

The Glory of the Holy God



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When I saw him, **I fell at his feet as though dead**. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, **18**and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

[Revelation 1:17-18]

*In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. **2**Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. **3**And one called to another and said:*

***"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!"***

***4**And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. **5**And I said: **"Woe is me! For I am ruined; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"** [Isaiah 6:1-4]*

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a large, ornate metal keyring with several keys. The background is a warm, golden, textured surface, possibly a wall or a piece of fabric. A dark, diagonal band runs across the image from the top left to the bottom right, creating a split effect. The text is overlaid on the dark band.

Keys to Death and Hades

➤ **Only Jesus Christ holds the
keys to death and life!
[Revelation 1:17-18]**

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[Revelation 1:17-18]

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*The LORD kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol [Hades]
and raises up ...*

[1 Samuel 2:6]

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And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and **the gates of hell [HADES] shall not prevail against it.** **I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven**, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." **[Matthew 16:18-19]**

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When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed him. And they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by wild beasts of the earth.

[Revelation 6:7-8]

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And Jesus came and said to them, "**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.** *19* Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, *20* teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, **I am with you always, to the end of the age.**"

[Matthew 28:18-20]

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For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but **made alive in the spirit,** **in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison,** because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah ... through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, **who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God,** **with angels, authorities, and powers** **having been subjected to him.**

[1 Peter 3:18-22]

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Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life.** **Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,** ²⁶ **and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.** Do you believe this?"

[John 11:24-26]

THE OUTLINE of the BOOK



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*“Write therefore the things that
you have seen, those that are
and those that are to take
place after this.” [Revelation
1:19]*

7 Stars & 7 Lampstands



➤ **The seven stars are the seven angels and the seven lampstands represent the seven churches. [Revelation 1:20]**

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*“As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, **the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.**”*

[Revelation 1:20]



7 Golden
Lampstands
= 7 Churches

The Seven Stars of Revelation

7 Stars = 7 Angels/Messengers

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... When **the morning stars** sang
together
and all the sons of God shouted
for joy?

[Job 38:7]

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Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

2 Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!

3 Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!

4 Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

[Psalm 148:1-4]

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"How you are fallen from heaven,

O Day Star, son of Dawn!

How you are cut down to the ground,
you who laid the nations low!

13 You said in your heart,

'I will ascend to heaven;

above the stars of God

I will set my throne on high;

I will sit on the mount of assembly

in the far reaches of the north."

[Isaiah 14:12-13]

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And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and **I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth**, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit.

[Revelation 9:1]

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*This is he of whom it is written,
“Behold, I send my messenger
before your face,
who will prepare your way before
you.’*

[Matthew 11:10]

PERSONAL APPLICATION



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Personal Application

- Prepare for coming tribulation by fixing your eyes and setting your hearts upon the coming Son of Man – the risen Lord Jesus Christ – who has been given all authority in heaven and earth and who holds the keys to death and life.
- Continue to go in His authority as His witnesses to the end of the age!

